



Strathesk
Primary School

Weekly Mail Drop

28.04.23

(Our weekly mail drop will continue to be sent out each **Friday** this year)

Included in this week's mail drop:

- Guidance for class visits to Spring Fair
- Adult Learning opportunity

I hope you have had a great week.

Spring Fair

A reminder that our Spring Fair will take place next Friday (5th May) and we would love it if you could join us between 10am - 1pm. Classes have been given half hour slots to visit the fair and I have attached this guidance in case you want to attend while your child is in the hall. Please note these are approximate times and you can come at any time throughout the morning and stay as long as you wish - you are not restricted to class visit times only.

Our Parent Partnership have been squirrelling away, creating and organising some exciting stalls for adults and children. Some of which include: Guess the Teddy's name, Tombola, amazing fresh crepes and the ever popular home baking stall!

Thank you to everyone who has already bought a book of raffle tickets. There will be more at the fair. We have some fantastic prizes this year:

- * 1 hour family tubing session at Hillend
- * A brilliant picnic hamper which will include a family day pass to Edinburgh Zoo
- * A family day pass to Conifox
- * A signed Hearts armband

We would love any donations of home baking on Friday morning please. Can you please attach a note of the ingredients to your donation to help those with allergies and intolerances know what is included.

People Who Help Us

This term P1 will be learning all about people who help us. We would love to invite parents/carers/relatives to come and chat with the children about your jobs. Can you please let Mrs Thomson or Miss Grant know if you are able to pop in and they will arrange a time and date with you. Thank you in advance.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

The qualifying criteria for Free School Meals and Clothing Grants has been updated on the Council website here:

[Free school meals and clothing grants | Midlothian Council](#)

Easyfundraising at Strathesk

Strathesk Primary and ELC needs your help! Sign up to Easyfundraising and raise FREE donations every time you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and many more are waiting to give a free donation. Plus once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, Easyfundraising will give us, as a school, an extra £5 bonus donation!

Sign up to support us here - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/x511yl/>



Clothes Recycling

If you have any uniforms items sizes 11 - 12 years and larger and you are happy to donate these, can you please drop them into school for Ali Turbitt.

Please make use of our uniform swap shop. We have a number of uniform items of all sizes and although previously owned, they are in very good condition. Please contact the office or Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, if you could use any of these items.

Similarly, if you have any unwanted clothes at home that your little ones have outgrown, can you please donate these to school? Outdoor clothing such as wellie boots, waterproofs, coats etc are very useful for outdoor learning and for taking away with us to camp however, any items would be really appreciated as children often need a change of clothes due to wet or messy play.

From Scottish Football Association

Are you a young football player? Are you a parent/carer of a young footballer? Do you support football participation as a teacher, coach or volunteer? With the support of Children's Parliament the Scottish FA are inviting children and young people (8-18) to say what it's like to be a young player in Scotland. Young players can have their say here:

<https://info763427.typeform.com/to/pkby27WH>

Gentle reminders

Please visit our school website strathesk.mgfl.net Our weekly mail drop and much more has now been added. Please take a wee look. We will continue to add information we think you might find useful so please visit regularly. We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions of what you would like us to share here.

A gentle reminder that our school is a pet and smoke free zone. Please do not smoke in or around the school grounds, including the playground and the school gates. Please do not bring pets, including dogs, into the school playground. Many of our children are afraid of dogs, even those on a lead, and some of our children are allergic to them. Thank you for your support with this.

We ask that children do not bring their own toys into school. We have a number of games and activities for children to use in school so this is not necessary. We also want to avoid children's personal items getting lost or damaged. Thank you for your support with this.

Can you please ensure your child brings a healthy snack and water to school rather than sweets and fizzy drinks? Similarly, if your child is bringing a packed lunch can you please ensure all items are healthy? Over this term we have seen an increase in sweets, crisps and chocolate which can have a negative impact on a child's ability to concentrate in class. Please note we are a nut free school and so nuts or foods containing nuts, including Nutella, must not be sent into school as we have a number of children with allergies. Thank you for your support with this.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them and ensure you complete the full treatment. There's no need to keep your child off school if he/she has head lice. For further information on how to spot and treat headlice please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



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Please have a lovely weekend, everyone and we will see you on Tuesday when school reopens following the bank holiday on Monday.